



## BEST WARRIOR COMPETITION 2009

### Competitor Biography



**Sgt. Cole W. Joines**  
**National Capital Region**  
***NCO of the Year***

**Current Unit of Assignment:** Headquarters & Operations Company, 732<sup>nd</sup> Military Intelligence Battalion, 500<sup>th</sup> Military Intelligence Brigade, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii

**Time in Service:** 3 years, 4 months

Sgt. Cole W. Joines is currently stationed as the Training Noncommissioned Officer in Charge with the Headquarters & Operations Company, 732<sup>nd</sup> Military Intelligence Battalion, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. He began his military career in April 2006 at Fort Jackson, S.C., where he completed basic training. Joines completed Advanced Individual Training at the Defense Language Institute, Monterey, Calif., where he studied Mandarin Chinese. In April 2008, he was assigned to his current station.



During his military training and education, Joines earned Soldier Leader of the Cycle and Highest PT Award during basic training; honor graduate at DLI, where he completed an associate's degree in Chinese; and was selected for the Commandant's List upon graduating from the NCO Academy-Hawaii.

His awards include an Army Commendation Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster; Army Achievement Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters; and NCO of the Year, 732<sup>nd</sup> MI Bn.

Joines is a native of Wharton, Texas, where he attended Wharton High School. Upon graduation from high school, he attended Texas A&M University, graduating with a bachelor's degree in agricultural economics.